

Senate Resolution 913

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowser of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Monica Pearson for her 2015 Chairman's Award and
2 induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Monica Pearson joined WSB-TV in 1975, becoming Atlanta's first female news
4 anchor and first minority news anchor for the 6:00 P.M. news; and

5 WHEREAS, she devoted her career of 37 years to being the news anchor for Channel 2
6 Action News before she retired in 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, during her role as WSB-TV's news anchor, she received numerous accolades
8 and honors for her distinguished work, including 33 local and regional Emmys and the
9 Legacy Award from the National Association of Black Journalists, and has been inducted
10 into the Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky, the Georgia Association of
11 Broadcasters Hall of Fame, The Atlanta Press Club Hall of Fame, and the National
12 Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, as an active member of the Atlanta community, she is a member of the Alpha
14 Kappa Alpha Sorority, NAACP, Atlanta Association of Black Journalists, Atlanta Press
15 Club, and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; and she attends Gospel Tabernacle Church;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, she has achieved many career successes and life success, as she is both a breast
18 cancer and liver cancer survivor; and

19 WHEREAS, as a woman who broke down numerous barriers, Monica Pearson is a valued
20 leader for the Atlanta community and a courageous trailblazer for the field of journalism.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Monica Pearson for her remarkable career in journalism and recognize her

23 acceptance of the 2015 Chairman's Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of
24 Fame.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Monica Pearson.